

## (57) ABSTRACT

5 The present invention relates to a method  
of treating chemical pulp in order to op-  
10 timize the consumption of bleaching  
chemicals and to improve the quality of  
the pulp. Especially the invention relates  
to a method according to which filtrate  
15 obtained from a suitable stage of the  
washing of brown stock preferably  
cooked by an alkaline cooking method is  
treated with an oxidizing chemical prior  
to the oxygen stage following the brown  
stock washing.

(Fig. 2)